## News From the Wyoming Department of Health

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## **Department of Health Plans Community Anti-Meth Meetings**

CHEYENNE -- A "core team" from the Wyoming Department of Health Substance Abuse Division is planning a series of community meetings across the state about methamphetamine to discuss how the department can support local anti-drug efforts.

"The staff members here at the division are well aware that methamphetamine is a critical issue affecting many families, businesses and communities across Wyoming, and we have expertise to share," said Steven Gilmore, Substance Abuse Division administrator.

"At the same time, local residents and leaders are certainly familiar with their own available meth-related resources, issues and challenges," Gilmore continued. "We want to learn how the state can best support methamphetamine-prevention activities at the community level. That's the idea behind these meetings."

The division expects to begin the community visits in June. The division core team members will offer a "toolbox" of resources and ideas as they work closely with community representatives to tackle meth-related issues and challenges in their area.

Letters were sent to mayors and county commissioners throughout Wyoming asking if they believe such community meetings would be beneficial. "We have received enthusiastic response from those who have responded so far, and we think the momentum will continue in Wyoming communities to reduce meth use and addiction," Gilmore said.

For more information, please contact the Substance Abuse Division at 307-777-6494.

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